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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GY, US, TD, CU

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES RELATIONS WITH GUYANA

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 126, (B) GEORGETOWN 137, (C) GEORGETOWN 138

1. WHILE RECOGNIZING DIFFERENCES OF PERSPECTIVE IMPOSED  
BY THE NECESSITY TO TRY TO MAINTAIN A REASONABLE DIALOGUE  
WITH THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA, ONE RECOMMENDATION  
CONTAINED IN REF (A) HAS SUCH IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS FOR  
THE ENTIRE REGION THAT I FELT A COMMENT AND POSSIBLE  
FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THOSE OF US IN THE AREA  
IS IN ORDER.

2. IT IS SUGGESTED IN PARA THREE OF REF (A) THAT "WE  
MUST CONTINUE TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE GUYANESE THAT WE  
ARE NOT OPPOSED TO THEIR SOCIALIST REVOLUTION AND  
THEIR CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE CUBANS ET AL."

3. CERTAINLY IT IS APPROPRIATE TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE  
ARE NOT INTENDING TO INTERVENE IN GUYANESE DOMESTIC  
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AFFAIRS AND THAT WE RESPECT THE RIGHT OF EACH PEOPLE  
TO DETERMINE FOR THEMSELVES HOW THEY SHALL BE GOVERNED.  
HOWEVER, TO STATE THAT WE ARE NOT OPPOSED TO THE  
PRESENT THRUST OF THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT OR ITS  
CLOSE RELATIONS WITH HOSTILE STATES SEEMS TO ME AS  
BOTH FALSE AND DANGEROUS. I BELIEVE THAT INSTEAD WE  
SHOULD MAKE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT WE INDEED ARE OPPOSED

TO THESE TRENDS, THAT WE FIND EVERY RESULT THEREOF  
THUS FAR BOTH INIMICAL TO OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS AND  
DESTABILIZING TO THE REGION. GUYANESE DEVELOPMENTS  
HAVE REVERBERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING  
CARIBBEAN WHICH ARE ENTIRELY NEGATIVE. THE LOUD AND  
POLEMICAL STANCE OF GUYANA IN INTERNATIONAL FORA IS A  
CONTINUING NUISANCE AND EMBARRASSMENT TO THE  
ACCOMPLISHMENT OF PRAGMATIC GOALS AND THE NEGOTIATION  
OF POSITIVE ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA.  
WE CANNOT HELP BUT BE OPPOSED TO THESE DEVELOPMENTS.  
WILLS AND BURNHAM ARE BOUND TO REALIZE THAT AND WE  
ARE NOT LIKELY TO PERSUADE THEM OTHERWISE. AT THE  
SAME TIME, WE NEED NOT IMPLY THAT WE ARE SENDING IN  
THE MARINES.

4. OTHER COMMENT WOULD BE WELCOMMED.  
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